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<p>(Conversations between [redacted] &amp; Nollau, &amp; [redacted] and von Lex)</p> <p><u>Confirmation of Appointment of Dr. Schruabbers as BfV President.</u></p> <p>In reply to a question whether Schruabbers, who assumed the Presidency 1 August 1955 on a probationary basis, would be confirmed in his office, von Lex replied that Schruabbers is satisfied with the job and is doing well; his approach to people is good; his salary had been raised to a grade two groups higher than that received by Dr. John in the position (and equalled that of the Oberbundesanwalt). Von Lex said that he would also insist that Schruabbers' salary be kept equal to that of General Gehlen. (These remarks were understood to mean that von Lex had no doubt but that Schruabbers would be confirmed in the position; the minimum probationary period as established by practice in the Interior Ministry is three months.)</p> <p>--- von Lex and Schruabbers and Vice-President Radke got along well together, with no jealousy on Radke's part; that von Lex's concern now was that Radke's position be improved lest he decide to go back to the Gehlen Organization.</p> <p>In reply to a question whether he felt that the expenditure of a year, starting from the departure of Dr. John on 20 July 1954, in order to find his successor had been worthwhile, von Lex replied in the affirmative stating that the matter of a successor had been gone into with great care and that the name of Schruabbers had been proposed close to the end of that period. In saying this, von Lex commented to his visitors that "they need not interest themselves" as to who it was who had proposed Schruabbers.</p> <p>While lunching at the U.S. Embassy Restaurant with Mr. Thomas C. Hughes, JIC Liaison Officer to OCA, and Mr. Shea, OCA, Dr. Nollau made the following comments (among others):</p> <p><u>Confirmation of Dr. Schruabbers as BfV President.</u> Schruabbers had recently conferred with Vice-President Radke and Nollau on this matter, stating that since his appointment was probationary, not only did the Federal Government have the right to confirm or reject him, but he also had the right to accept or reject the appointment and that he proposed to attach certain conditions to his acceptance. The three men then went over Schruabbers' list of conditions. Schruabbers then discussed these conditions with State Secretary von Lex, who accepted them. Nollau added that there was, of course, a question whether all of such conditions would be fulfilled. (For full report of the conditions see LON-398.)</p> <p>In reply to a question, Nollau said that it had been the Oberbundesanwalt who had proposed Dr. Schruabbers for the job.</p>				
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